

## Morning News Script

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Governor of Nagaland La Ganesan passed away in Chennai yesterday evening. He was 80. He had been undergoing treatment at the Apollo hospital Chennai for a serious head injury sustained after a fall at his residence at T. Nagar Chennai on August 8 and breathed his last at 6:23 PM. *We have a report -*

*A senior BJP leader, La Ganesan was appointed as the 21st Governor of Nagaland on 11th February, 2023. Earlier, he served as Governor of Manipur and also briefly held additional charge of West Bengal. He was also a member of the Rajya Sabha from Madhya Pradesh. Governor's funeral will be held at Chennai today. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, along with Deputy Chief Ministers T. R. Zeliang and Y. Patton, Chief Secretary Sentiyanger Imchen, and Director General of Police Rupin Sharma, leave for Chennai today to pay homage to the departed leader.*

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The Nagaland government has declared a seven-day state mourning as a mark of respect to Governor La Ganesan, who passed away yesterday evening. A notification issued by Chief Secretary Sentiyanger Imchen said the state mourning will observe across the state from today till August 22. During the period of the state mourning, the National Flag will be flown at half-mast on all buildings where the National Flag is flown regularly, and there will be no official entertainment.

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has expressed deep sorrow over the passing of Governor La Ganesan. In his condolence message, Mr Rio said the Governor served the state with unwavering dedication, working tirelessly to strengthen the bonds of unity and promote development. The Chief Minister described Mr Ganesan as a man of integrity, principle, great wisdom, and moral strength, who was steadfast in his commitment to upholding the values of the Constitution. His life, Mr Rio noted, was a testament to selfless service, calm leadership, and an enduring devotion to the ideals of justice and unity. The Chief Minister, on behalf of the government of Nagaland and his family, conveyed heartfelt condolences

and prayed for strength to the bereaved family and eternal rest for the departed soul. Deputy Chief Ministers Yanthungo Patton and T.R. Zeliang have also expressed profound grief over the demise of Governor La Ganesan. In his tribute, Mr Patton said the Governor's tenure in Nagaland was marked by dedicated service, a firm commitment to harmony and development, and upholding the aspirations of the citizens. Deputy Chief Minister Zeliang, described the Governor's demise as a great loss to the State and the National. Remembering him as a distinguished leader who upheld the highest ideals of public service with humility, dedication, and integrity, Mr Zeliang said, Governor Ganesan worked selflessly for the welfare of the people and connected with communities without distinction. He offered prayers for strength to the bereaved family and for the departed soul to rest in eternal peace. Meanwhile, Speaker of Nagaland, Sharingain Longkumer, along with several Ministers, Advisors, MLAs, political parties of the state, Nagaland University, and various Civil Society Organisations, have expressed their condolences over the passing of leader Ganesan.

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President Droupadi Murmu has expressed grief over the passing of Nagaland Governor La Ganesan, recalling his long and dedicated public service. President Murmu said during his long public life, he worked for the welfare of the people, adding that his contribution to the development of Tamil Nadu and the country will be remembered. The President extended deep condolences to his family and admirers. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed grief over the passing of Nagaland Governor Thiru La Ganesan. In a social media post, Mr Modi highlighted that Mr Ganesan will be remembered as a devout nationalist, who dedicated his life to service and nation-building. The Prime Minister noted that he worked hard to expand the BJP across Tamil Nadu and was deeply passionate about Tamil culture as well. Mr Modi has extended his thoughts with his family and admirers.

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Festival of Janmashtami, which marks the birth of Lord Krishna, is being celebrated across the country today. Devotees throng to the temples to offer prayers to Lord Krishna. President Droupadi Murmu and Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio have extended warm greetings to all on the joyous occasion of Janmashtami.



In a heart-pounding finale that will be remembered for years, Mon district scripted history in front of over 28,000 roaring fans at the Indira Gandhi Stadium, edging out Niuland 5–4 in a dramatic penalty shootout after the teams battled to a 1–1 stalemate in regular time.

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The grand finale of the Dr. T. Ao Trophy 2025 turned into an electrifying showdown of grit, passion, and nerves of steel.

#### ***A report -***

*As dusk fell over Kohima, the packed stadium erupted into a sea of cheers and chants, with football lovers from every corner of Nagaland united in their love for the beautiful game. Mon's journey to the title reached its pinnacle as goalkeeper Teihom Konyak, later named Golden Glove winner, pulled off a crucial save during the shootout, sending his team and their fans into wild celebrations. With this victory, Mon not only lifted the prestigious trophy but also walked away with a cash prize of 5 lakh rupees while valiant runners-up Niuland took home 3 lakh rupees along with a trophy and citation. The tournament also saw some incredible individual brilliance. Best Defender was awarded to Thejangulie Zatsu (Kohima), Best Midfielder went to Sentilong (Mokokchung), Golden Glove (Best Goalkeeper) was claimed by Teihom Konyak (Mon), Golden Boot (Top Scorer) was secured by Ayanmongba (Tuensang) and Golden Ball (Player of the Tournament) was awarded to Kakhevi Assumi (Niuland)*

Meanwhile, Mokokchung District will host the 25th edition of the Dr. T. Ao Trophy in 2026.

